

# Advanced Teacher Training Program at Arizona State University Sponsored by the U.S. Embassy, Baghdad

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 11, 2014** 

## **Program Description:**

Iraqi participants in the Advanced Teacher Training program at Arizona State University will learn English teaching methodology through a variety of courses, and will increase their understanding of American culture and universities through field trips and activities. Participants will be placed in groups of 25 master's students. The period of training will be August 1 - September 17. The group will receive 20 hours of training a week for six weeks with limited instruction on Fridays. Participants will have many opportunities to meet Americans, practice English and develop friendships. Participants will be placed in American homestays.

## A sample weekly schedule for the program (21 Total ASU Classroom Hours):

*Chapter house proposed for Eridays: from 9:25 am 10:20 am only		
Tuesday, Thursday:	1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	(3 hours)
Tuesday, Thursday:	12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	(3 hours)
Tuesday, Thursday:	9:00 am – 10:15 am	(3 hours)
Monday, Wednesday:	2:00 pm – 2:50 pm	(2 hours)
Monday, Wednesday:	10:45 am – 12:40 pm	(4 hours)
Monday, Wednesday and Friday*:	8:35 am – 10:30 am	(6 hours)

<sup>\*</sup>Shorter hours proposed for Fridays: from 8:35 am - 10:30 am only.

#### **Proposed Training Courses:**

- A. Teaching the Four Skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening
- B. Teaching Methods and Strategies
- C. Teaching Literature: Cultivating Reading Circles and Reading Theaters
- D. Classroom Observations at the University

#### **Provisions of the Program:**

- 1. Health Care Insurance
- 2. Round trip travel from Baghdad to Phoenix, Arizona
- 3. Textbooks and materials
- 4. American homestay with daily breakfast and dinner
- 5. Personal expenses and spending money
- 6. Local Transportation
- 7. ASU Student Recreation Complex and Student Services
- 8. Cost and entrance fees for day trips

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### **Complete Application Includes:**

1. Narrative Application –

Online application found here: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ASUTeacherEducation">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ASUTeacherEducation</a>

- 2. Please submit the following documents via email to: <u>BaghdadEnglishTrainingProgram@state.gov</u>
  - a) Statement of Teaching Philosophy
    Describe the elements of effective teaching in 500 words or less.
    Please do not forget to include your name on the Statement of Teaching Philosophy.
  - b) Two Letters of Recommendation from academic professors or supervisors.
  - c) Letter of Approval from University Department Head or other Supervisor. This letter should indicate that you have permission to attend the program if selected.

### **Participant Requirements:**

- 1. Applicants must be both citizens and legal residents of Iraq
- 2. The target audience for this program are students at the graduate and undergraduate level in Iraqi Colleges of Education, Departments of English. However, other applicants that provide direct English language instruction with well developed Statements of Teaching Philosophy may be eligible for the program.
- 3. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to the development of English language teaching in Iraq.
- 4. Submit a complete application. In addition to the online narrative application, all other application materials should be submitted to: BaghdadEnglishTrainingProgram@state.gov.

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